



# House Select Committee on Homeland Security Democrats

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## House Democrats to Highlight Bush Homeland Security Failures

House Democrats will participate in a Special Order on Wednesday night to highlight the security gaps in the Bush Administration's War on Terror. The Special Order will be anchored by Representative Jim Turner, Ranking Democrat on the House Select Committee on Homeland Security and Representative Bart Stupak, member of the Democratic Caucus Task Force on Homeland Security.

Turner will give an overview of the strategy needed by the United States to win the war against our terrorist enemies. He will highlight how the Bush Administration falls short of meeting this mark.

Stupak will discuss how the Bush Administration and Congress have fallen far short in providing the resources needed to protect Americans at home.

Also participating in the Special Order:

- Loretta Sanchez (D-CA)—Port Security
- Peter DeFazio (D-OR)—Aviation Security
- James R. Langevin (D-RI)—Preventing the Rise of Future Terrorists
- Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX)—Southern Border Security
- Donna M. Christensen (D-VI)—Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness
- Adam Schiff (D-CA)—Security of Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Barney Frank (D-MA)—Civil Liberties
- Nita Lowey (D-NY)—First Responder Communications
- Bennie Thompson (D-MS)—Chemical Plant Security

**“It is important that we let the American people know where the Bush Administration is letting them down in fighting the war on terror and that Democrats have been fighting for years to bring these issues to the forefront of the legislative agenda,”** said Turner. **“We have identified numerous security gaps. Congress should not go home without closing them.”**

**“The Bush Administration talks a great game on Homeland Security and interoperability, but it doesn't seem to want to fully deliver, especially when it comes to funding,”** Stupak said.

The Special Order is the first Democratic hour following final votes on the House Floor.

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